

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS	
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	77.6
Hours flown	62.4
Monthly offset	-15.4
33rd Rescue Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	132.0
Hours flown	149.0
Monthly offset	17.0
909th Air Refueling Squadron	
Monthly flying-hour contract	242.0
Hours flown	215.6
Monthly offset	-26.4
44th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	324.0
Sorties flown	350.0
Monthly offset	26.0
67th Fighter Squadron	
Monthly sortie contract	224.0
Sorties flown	154.0
Monthly offset	-70.0

Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 22

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Partly Cloudy
N to NE winds @ 10-12 knots
High: 63 Low: 54

SATURDAY: Partly Cloudy
to Mostly Cloudy
N to NE winds @ 10 knots
High: 64 Low: 55

SUNDAY: Cloudy with
Isolated Rainshowers
S to SW winds @ 10 knots
High: 72 Low: 59

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES

BUYING: \$1=¥103 SELLING: ¥108=\$1

Fueling knowledge

Kadena aircrews begin phased training with JASDF pilots

By 1st Lt. Gerardo Gonzalez
18th Wing Public Affairs

Japan Air Self Defense Force pilots took another step toward improving their F-15 Eagle combat capabilities by learning more about air-to-air refueling from Kadena Airmen during a familiarization week held here March 14-18.

JASDF pilots observed air-to-air refueling first-hand while riding in the backseat of 67th Fighter Squadron F-15s and aboard KC-135 Stratotankers from the 126th Air Refueling Wing, an Illinois Air National Guard unit deployed to Kadena.

"The purpose of the familiarization phase is to get the JASDF pilots focused on air refueling," said Maj. Brian Kelly, a former 44th Fighter Squadron pilot and now chief of fighter operations for joint/bilateral exercises at Headquarters Fifth Air Force at Yokota AB. "Air refueling is very new to them and this will prepare them for the official training."

The familiarization will be followed by hands-on training at Nyutabaru Air Base on Nyushu Island in April where the Japanese pilots will fly their first air refueling missions under the watchful eye of Kadena instructor pilots.

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A Kadena pilot prepares to receive fuel Wednesday from a KC-135 Stratotanker deployed here from the Illinois Air National Guard's 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, while a Japan Air Self Defense Force pilot observes from the backseat. Kadena pilots, maintainers and support personnel participated in joint training between Kadena and Japan Air Self Defense Force airmen during an exchange last week. The exchange was meant to familiarize JASDF pilots with air refueling and set the stage for more training in April.

18th Wing prepares for upcoming AEF deployment

By Capt. Carlos Diaz
18th Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 300 18th Wing Airmen attended a series of pre-deployment briefings here March 17 to prepare for anticipated deployments beginning in May.

Approximately 500 Kadena Airmen will receive taskings during the weeks ahead to deploy for four-months as Kadena's contribution to Air Expeditionary Force 5.

While some will support world-wide operations from peaceful locations in the United States and elsewhere, the majority of Kadena Airmen will deploy to combat areas that form the heart of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom—Afghanistan and Iraq.

"This is the essence of our mission—to fight our nation's wars," Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, told the assembled Airmen.

The afternoon of briefings covered topics ranging from development of the 10-part AEF cycle and what to pack for deployment, to health and services available for both deploying members and their families.

Capt. Andrew Stengel, 18th Mission Support Group Chief of Readiness and Plans, followed the general's opening remarks by explaining why the Air Force moved from a Cold War containment strategy to one of expeditionary force engagement.

"Before [the 1990s] we had a force twice the size of what we have now, but today we have four times the number of deployments," he said. "That's why we all must be ready."

Earlier in the day, commanders, supervisors and unit deployment managers responsible for deploying Airmen gathered to receive much the same information, but from a different angle. Briefings focused on how to ensure deploying Airmen are properly prepared, and the follow-through expected from supervi-

sors during the deployment period.

"It's our job to make sure we not only take care of our deploying Airmen, but also the family members left behind," General Jouas told the leaders. "They're also part of our family—our Air Force family."

Airmen who were unable to attend the briefings can view the slides on the base intranet at https://www.kadena.af.mil/18wg/18msg/hq/18msg/msg_hq/misc/416,2,Slide 2.

Wing leaders also encourage deploying Airmen and their families to participate in the Family Readiness Fair on April 1 at the Schilling Community Center. Members must call 634-3366 to reserve a seat by 28 March.

Most of the wing's 5,600 Airmen who are not assigned to AEF 5 are vulnerable for deployment as part of AEF 10, which comes around next January. Less than 10 percent of the wing, however, will likely deploy during a single deployment cycle.



When is Men's History Month?

By 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg
18th Civil Engineer Squadron

March is Women's History Month—yet another heritage month in a long line of others, but unique in the fact that the history of women is the history of all cultures, races and creeds.

This is my third year being actively involved in the celebration of Women's History Month, and every year I've been asked the same question—usually in a light-hearted manner—but no less pointed: “When is Men's history month?” Despite the teasing nature of this question, it spurred me to do a little research.

The concept that we set aside one month a year to celebrate the accomplishments of women is arguably a double standard—until you open a mainstream history textbook—or professional military education course materials, for that matter. Where pages are devoted to the founding fathers—the Pattons and the Mitchells of the military—the women who played crucial and dynamic roles in the development of this nation are usually mere sidebars or footnotes, if included at all.

One of our nation's most vocal advocates for women's history education, specifically in the armed services, is retired Air Force Capt. Barbara Wilson. In addition to her tongue-in-cheek tagline, “Military women have always been there...voluntarily!” she is also

quoted as saying “From the beginning of time, nothing was accomplished without women...and nothing has been more ignored than their accomplishments.”

This is the heart of the matter. We honor the history of women during the month of March not to rewrite history, but rather to replace women to their rightful positions within the archives.

The point of setting aside this time is also not to romanticize our heritage, for many of the most powerful women in history—like some powerful men—were not extremely sympathetic characters. The purpose is to achieve an educational perspective in which the accomplishments of women are fully and richly intertwined with those of our male counterparts without diminishing the contributions of either gender.

One of the things I love about the military is that it is a great equalizer. No one cares where I'm from or how much money my parents make. If I put forth the right effort, I receive due recognition. I make the same pay as my male peers. I came into the military for much the same reasons they did: to serve, to have adventures, to get an education—and I have the same opportunity for advancement as they do.

This is no thanks to me. I and every other woman in military service are riding on the khaki coattails of women like the feisty Capt. “Barb” Wilson, Col. Michelle Johnson, a member of the sec-

ond Air Force Academy class with female graduates and a Rhodes Scholar; Adm. Grace Hopper, a computer science pioneer who first coined the term “computer bug” (after a real bug impeded process in the old punch-card code systems); the scores of adventurous World War II WASPs, WAVES, and WACs who piloted rickety aircraft towing cargo and targets by day—and were arrested for wearing pants off base at night; and the scandalous Deborah Sampson, who posed as a man to fight, and was wounded, for her infant nation during the American Revolution. I like to imagine that she is “somewhere out there,” watching the sharp female troops with a heart full of pride. She sees their dusty faces, but steely eyes, staring down the barrels of their M-16s as they pull point-man on a convoy somewhere in the Green Zone in Baghdad.

Her heart must have ached for the Piestewa family when Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa came home draped in her beloved flag—and the families of 20 other American women since September 11 who lost their lives under fire. But it is not just about dying for our country.

It is ultimately about living and serving and taking an active role in the continuing development of the greatest nation on earth. It is truly something worth celebrating during this special month.



A 21-year-old airman from the 18th Medical Operations Squadron was convicted recently of driving while intoxicated Jan. 16 with a breath-alcohol content of .075 percent. He was demoted to airman basic, fined \$1,234 and given 60-days restriction and a reprimand.



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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jous
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The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Kadena remembers Vietnam operations

By Master Sgt. Joe Orr
18th Wing Historian

Forty years ago the U.S. Air Force and Navy began an attack and interdiction campaign against North Vietnam named Operation Rolling Thunder—and Kadena Air Base was part of it.

The campaign had three stated goals: destroy the will of the North Vietnamese to fight, destroy their industrial base and air defenses, and stop the flow of men and supplies into the south along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The operation began February 1965 and lasted until the end of October 1968.

Just weeks before the operation began, the 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron from Kadena's 18th Tactical Fighter Wing flew to Da Nang Air Base, South Vietnam, and 20 days later set up their F-105 Thunderchief aircraft at Korat AB, Thailand. The squadron flew the 18th TFW's first combat sorties over hostile territory Feb. 2, 1965.

The 12th TFS flew 279 combat sorties without losing any planes or Airmen during their initial two-month deployment.

All three of Kadena's squadrons—the 12th, 44th and 67th TFSs—took two rotations to Korat in 1965. These squadrons of the 18th TFW did themselves proud in the first year of Rolling Thunder, but not without sacrifice—completing more than 4,000 combat missions with the loss of 18 aircraft.

During one of these missions, North Vietnamese air defenses shot down Lt. Col. Robinson Risner, who spent the next seven years in captivity in North Vietnam. “God and country...that's what helped me through,” Colonel Risner would later go on to say about his time as a prisoner-of-war.

Through the remaining years of Rolling Thunder, 18th TFW Airmen continued rotations to Thailand, but only the 44th TFS, in 1967, deployed again as a whole unit.

The wing began transforming from F-105s to F-4s that same year, and by the time the wing returned to Southeast Asia, Operation Rolling Thunder had ended.

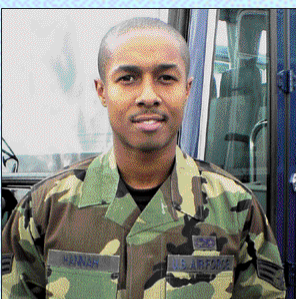
President Johnson limited the scope of the initial Rolling Thunder attacks to keep the Soviets and Chinese out of direct involvement, and so he could “ramp up” the pressure if the North Vietnamese government didn't respond. To persuade the North Vietnamese to negotiate in March 1968, the president restricted the bombing of North Vietnam to the southern part of the country, in effect bringing the operation to an end.

Serious negotiations to end the war began in January 1969. In January 1973 the United States ended all offensive operations against North Vietnam, and pulled out all U.S. forces by the end of March. The war ended in 1975.

The 12th (T)FS realigned under Elmendorf's 3rd Wing in



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Senior Airman Cedric Hannah

18th Logistics Readiness Squadron vehicle operator/dispatcher

Hometown: Peoria, Ill.

Reason for nomination: Airman Hannah is a professional vehicle operator who provided superior transient aircrew service during the tsunami relief effort—Operation Unified Assistance.

Time at Kadena: 2 years, 6 months

Editor's note : *Shogun Warriors* are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE: Did you know -- One American life is lost every 20 minutes in alcohol-related accidents. Plan ahead or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at **634-2233**.

24-HOUR HELP LINE: The Joint Services Help Line is available for people who need to talk to someone about stress, depression, abuse, parenting, or other issues. Call the help line at **634-HELP(4357)** or **938-0992** from off-base telephones. The abuse line is **634-3123** and teens can call **634-CARE(2273)**.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP: Leaky faucets waste energy and water. A faucet drip can waste up to 15 gallons of water a day, or 105 gallons a week, which adds up to more than 5,400 gallons of wasted water a year. That's enough to fill a swimming pool. Let your facility manager know immediately about a leak. If your leak is in housing, call **634-HOME** for service.

MPF CLOSURE: The Military Personnel Flight will close for an official function **today** at 2 p.m. For emergencies, call MPF personnel at **090-8290-3495** or **090-4470-4316**.

LEGAL HOURS CHANGE: The legal office will be open for walk-in legal assistance from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. For walk-in power of attorney or notaries assistance, the office will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS: The Pacific Okinawa Players present a show for the whole family **today, Saturday, Thursday**, and **April 1-2** at 7:30 p.m. at the Foster Community Center. Call **632-3385** for more details.

THE BRIDE OF BRACKENLOCH PLAY: The Kadena High School drama department will present the gothic thriller, *The Bride of Brackenloch* **today** and **Saturday**. Doors open to the public at 7 p.m. and costs \$3 per person. Call **634-1216** for more details.

EASTER CANTATA: The Kadena Chapel presents the "Shout for Joy" Easter Cantata **Saturday** at 7 p.m. at Chapel 3 and **Sunday** at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1. Call **633-1295** for more details.

AEF 5/6 FAMILY READINESS FAIR: Attend a Family Readiness Fair for families of deploying AEF 5 and 6 Airmen **April 1** at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. in the Schilling Community Center Ballroom. The fair will hold information booths with the Military Personnel Flight, 18th Medical Group, Red Cross, 18th Security Forces Squadron, finance, legal, the Pentagon Bank and more. Call the FSC at **634-3366** for more details.

HELP LINE TRAINING: A joint services 24-Hour Help Line training class will be held **April 9** and **April 16** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Family Support Center to provide non-directive counseling, crisis intervention, and referrals training. Anyone of SOFA status 20 years and

older may register through **Monday**. Participants must attend both days. Call **634-0684** for more details.

BLOOD DRIVES: The U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa will be hosting a blood drive at the 18th Medical Group from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Tuesday**. Contact Tracy Parmer at **643-7710** for more details.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LUNCHEON: Attend the Women's History Month luncheon at 11:30 a.m. **Wednesday** in the Rocker NCO Club Ballroom for speakers, skits and more. Contact Capt. Shuree Gillespie or 1st Lt. Megan Kranenburg on the global address list for more details.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are being accepted for Kadena Enlisted Spouses Club scholarships until **Wednesday**. Students and spouses of enlisted members that are currently enrolled in college or post-secondary education can apply. Contact Master Sgt. Leroy Sapp on the global address list or Lisa Hunt at hunt2000@oasis.mediatti.net for details.

◆ The Kadena Officers Spouses Club scholarship program is available to college students who are SOFA status dependents of active-duty or retired Airmen of any rank. Applications may be picked up at the KOSC Gift Corner or the Kadena Library and must be received by **Thursday**. Call **633-6705** for more details.

FSC CLOSURE: The Kadena Family Support Center will be closed **Thursday** due to training. The center will resume normal

operations the following day.

DFAS WEB SITE MOVE: Users will be redirected to a new Defense Finance and Accounting Service public Web site at www.dod.mil/dfas on the Internet, though the old site, www.dfas.mil, will remain available through **Thursday**.

PRAYER LUNCHEON: The National Prayer Luncheon will be held **April 5** at 11:30 a.m. in the Rocker NCO Club. Contact unit first sergeants or Kimie Hanashiro at **634-1288** for tickets.

CROSS TRAINING TO OSI: The Air Force Office of Special Investigations is looking for qualified civilians, active-duty or reserve officers, and enlisted members to cross train into the OSI career field. To find out if you qualify, or to learn more, attend a cross training briefing on the last Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in Bldg. 104, near Chili's Bar and Grill.

AIR FORCE ASSISTANCE FUND: Kadena's 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign will run through April 11. The base currently stands at \$20,000 with seven percent participation but has a goal of \$96,300 and 50 percent participation. Contact your squadron point of contact to donate.

CORRECTION: In last weeks Kadena Shogun the staff sergeant from Detachment 3, Air Force Institute of Occupational Health, was misidentified as having a breath-alcohol content of .174 percent; the correct BAC was .082 percent.

18th SFS senior NCO receives Bronze Star

By Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

Despite mortar rounds whizzing overhead and bombs exploding in Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, one 18th Security Forces Squadron Airmen managed to complete his monumental task of securing the base from enemy insurgents and earned himself the Bronze Star.

Master Sgt. Phillip Dawson, the 18th Security Forces Squadron training NCO in charge, earned the distinguished medal for a compilation of events during his three-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Though Sergeant Dawson and his team were not the first to set up Kirkuk, they were called in to bring up the level of security for the base.

"Our mission was to provide defense for the base," said Sergeant Dawson, "and as soon as we hit the ground—that's what we did."

It was his efforts setting up a

joint Army and Air Force patrol team to counter the surface to air missile standoff threat at Kirkuk during Operation Iraqi Freedom that partly earned him his medal.

According to his citation, Sergeant Dawson demonstrated unwavering command and control by maintaining disciplined perimeter defense during two rocket attacks, and flooding the base with heavy weapons support to assemble counter attacks.

The 23-year Air Force veteran also developed 13 random anti-terrorism initiatives that supplied the base with more than one thousand hours of heavy weapons coverage.

In spite of these actions, Sergeant Dawson said he couldn't have accomplished the mission alone.

"I worked with a great team of people," he said. "I would not have received this award without their help."

Under Sergeant Dawson's leadership, his team was credited with the discovery of more than 30,000

rockets, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, as well successfully recovering and transporting three hundred thousand dollars of Air Force resources from northern Iraq.

Lt. Col. David Abercrombie, 18th SFS commander, commended Sergeant Dawson for his past and present conduct.

"Master Sgt. Dawson, now Senior Master Sgt. select, successfully led our troops in the [operating area] and continues to enhance our capability as the NCOIC of training," said Colonel Abercrombie. "We are all extremely proud of his accomplishments and to have him as a member of the 18th SFS."

Though Sergeant Dawson could be considered the ideal cop: tall, fit, straightforward and authoritative—he thinks of himself as a regular "old Joe."

"This was a team effort," he said. "There were 11 other team leaders with me, and there should have been 11 bronze stars handed out; I was humbled to receive it."



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister
Master Sgt. Phillip Dawson, 18th Security Forces Squadron training manager, recently received the Bronze Star for his actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Kadena Airman named best Air Force resource advisor

By Senior Airman
Anna Fitzhorn
18th Wing Public Affairs

A Kadena aircraft maintainer temporarily assigned as a resource advisor was recently named the 2004 Air Force Resource Advisor of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Rogers, assigned to the 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, was handpicked by her commander to serve as Kadena's largest squadron's resource advisor. In less than a year she was named the Air Force Resource Advisor of the Year Installation-level award winner.

Lt. Col. Peter Markle, 18th EMS commander, said he selected Sergeant Rogers as his squadron resource advisor and had been impressed since the day she started.

"Jeanna is definitely a role model for all our Airmen and I'm honored to have her in the

18th EMS," he said.

Sergeant Rogers said she was excited to learn that the 18th EMS commander had written her package.

"I'm overwhelmed that I even won this award," she said. "Having the commander write my package in itself was very rewarding. Then I actually won the award."

Colonel Markle also said that she represents the best in Air Force enlisted personnel.

"Writing her award package was easy because she had so many accomplishments to choose from," he said. "She's a leader in the wing AADD program, active in the AFSA, working on her degree—definitely the whole person concept."

As a resource advisor for the 18th EMS, Sergeant Rogers manages the squadron's \$4 million budget.

She was named the 2003 18th EMS NCO of the Year as



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister
(Right) Tech. Sgt. Jeanna Rogers assists Senior Airman Cassandra Beavers, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, on her computer. Sergeant Rogers was recently named the 2004 Air Force Resource Advisor of the Year.

well as the 2004 5th Air Force and Kadena Lance P. Sijan

Leadership award winner in the NCO category.

In addition, Sergeant Rogers has volunteered more than 1,000 total off-duty hours to the Airmen Against Drunk Driving program. As the AADD scheduler, she scheduled more than 1000 volunteers who achieved over 2,000 saves.

Sergeant Rogers was also elected as the Air Force Sergeants Association Military Civic Affairs officer 2003-2004. She volunteered to be the flight manager for the Air Force Assistance Fund, and garnered 100 percent participation in the program from her unit.

"To me, I just did my job — what I was asked to do," said the Kaufman, Texas native. "This wasn't just me winning the award. I couldn't do my job without the efforts of the comptroller squadron," Sergeant Rogers said. "They helped me accomplish everything I have accomplished."



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAllister
Tech. Sgt. Michael Samaniego, 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, shows Japan Air Self Defense Force airmen from the 203rd Tactical Fighting Squadron an in-flight refueler tester during a maintenance tour Wednesday.

JASDF

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New JASDF pilots are trained in this program each year yielding positive benefits beyond air-to-air refueling, according to Major Kelly.

"It's a great opportunity to cross-flow information and build better working relationships," said the major. "You can also develop life-long friendships."

Captain Matthew French, a pilot with the 67th Fighter Squadron, showed his Japanese counterparts different aspects of F-15 operations and articulated the ultimate reason for the joint training.

"The big reason we're conducting the

training is to increase bilaterally our effectiveness to operate together for the homeland defense of Japan," he said. "So the more interaction we can have increases JASDF capabilities, as well as our own, for any kind of real-world operations, as well as exercises."

Air refueling is a challenging skill to learn, according to Captain French, because two aircraft come together in the air while flying at about 350 miles-per-hour. The training, however, helps build confidence in the pilot as well as the boom operator responsible for refueling the aircraft.

"Extensive procedures have been developed over the years to ensure we conduct the safest operations possible," said Major Kelly. "Emergency procedures are in place, so if something happens we're going to do the right thing."



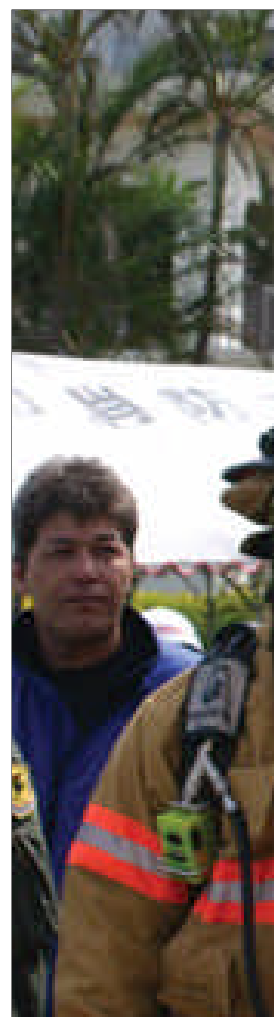


Working together

Kadena first responders train with Okinawans

Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

Staff Sgt. Richard Sterns (right), 18th Medical Operations Squadron, calls for assistance while resuscitating a simulated victim during a joint training exercise between Okinawa City, Nirai and Kadena Air Base fire departments and first responders at the Grand Mer Hotel in Awase March 18. Approximately 50 Kadena medics, firefighters and volunteer victims participated in the exercise designed to help improve communication between base and local emergency response personnel.



Master Sgt. John Rawson entering the hotel to receive assistance.



Air Force

(Clockwise from above) PHONE HOME: The 18th Engineer Squadron's deputy chief, Senior Master Sgt. Eugene Pamplona, calls in to Kadena command post to brief base leadership on the progress of search and rescue operations.

TAKING NAMES: Air Force Class Eugene Pamplona, 18th Medical Operations Squadron, writes down information about the location of victims recovered from the hotel.

WRAP UP: Airman Michaelini, and Senior Airman Parker, 18th Aerospace Medical Squadron, apply bandages to a simulated burn victim. The simulated victim was played by Airman Justin Fontes, 18th Medical Operations Squadron.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
Civil Engineer Squadron assistant chief of operations, briefs Kadena's emergency responders before simulated victims.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
Kadena firefighters arrive on-scene at Hotel Grand Mer after receiving an assistance request from the local fire department. Two ambulances and an "ambus" from the 18th Medical Group also assisted during the scenario.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake
The fire suppression section chief for the Nirai Fire Department, Masanori Chibana, rallies his firefighters before running into the hotel to save simulated fire victims.



gt. Jason Lake



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

VITAL SIGNS: Airman 1st Class Candice Giles, 18th Medical Operations Squadron, and Maj. Celeste Blanken, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron medic, assess the condition of a simulated patient during the off base exercise.



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Jason Lake

The Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.

□ One woman was killed and more than 500 people were injured in a seven-magnitude earthquake that hit northern Kyushu, mainland Japan, Sunday morning. The earthquake also caused serious damage to houses and railway systems.

□ Governor Keiichi Inamine returned to Okinawa March 20 after visiting the United States. During his trip, the governor asked Defense and State Department officials to transfer the Marine Corps to a location outside Okinawa. U.S. officials whom Inamine met generally indicated a positive stance toward lifting the military base burden on Okinawa.

□ Adm. William Fallon met Japanese senior leaders, including Defense Minister Yoshinori Ono and Foreign Affairs Minister Nobutaka Machimura, Tuesday. Ono asked Fallon's understanding to reduce Okinawa's burden explaining, "Seventy-five percent of U.S. military facilities in Japan are concentrated on Okinawa. We have to understand the people's anxiety on aircraft noise and their general uneasiness cannot be explained using numbers." Fallon replied, "I'm aware of Okinawa's burden."

□ It was made public March 18 that Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi told President Bush during the Japan-U.S. Summit in Chili last November that the Japanese government wishes to increase missions and roles of the JSDF while reducing military facilities in Japan. Prime Minister Koizumi said "An increase in JSDF's role will bring bilateral benefits."

□ The United Nations continues to urge Japan to take a more active role in international peacekeeping operations, and requested that Tokyo take part in a planned mission to Sudan.

□ Japan's Prince plans to visit Okinawa April 8 to attend the Inter-American Development Bank Conference. He plans to visit the Peace Memorial Park in Naha and attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of IDB before returning to the mainland April 10.

□ A Japanese boat owner reported that a Filipino and two Japanese tugboat crew members were released Sunday after being abducted by pirates in the Malacca Strait near Malaysia March 14.



Air Force photos by Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



America's pastime shared by Okinawans

(Clockwise from top) SLIDE: Erick Rausch, Kadena Panthers' pitcher, tags out a member of the Okinawa City team as he slides into home plate during a Japan Friendship Baseball Tournament in Chibana Saturday. Kadena youth competed against athletes from other U.S. military bases and Okinawan teams.

FLY OUT: Kody Saunders, son of Kasey Saunders, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, catches a pop fly in right field during the matchup between the Kadena Panthers and Okinawa City's team. Okinawa beat the Panthers by more than 10 runs.

BOW: The Kadena Lady Panthers softball team bows to the Koza team before play. Koza came out on top with a score of 6-1.

Q : What is Kabuki? Are there Kabuki performances on Okinawa?

A : Kabuki is one of the four major performing arts in Japan. The others are Noh, Kyogen, and Bunraku.

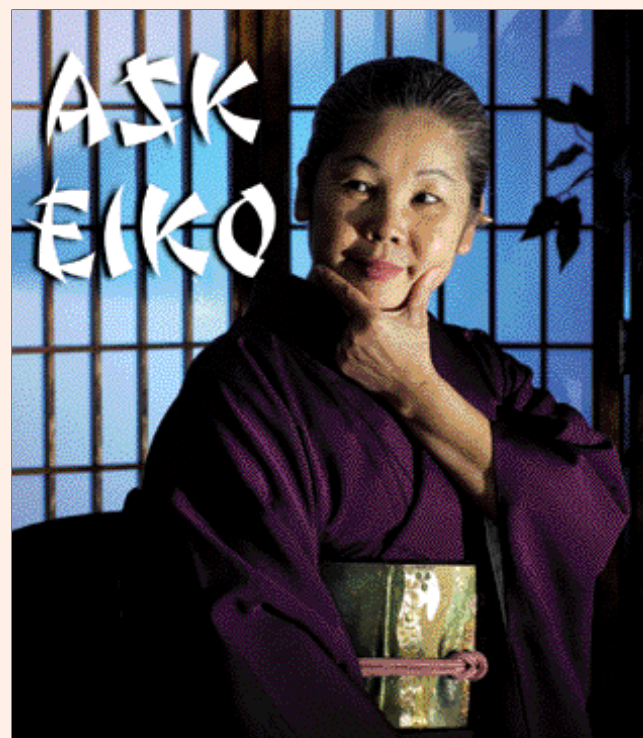
Kabuki has a very interesting background in that it is said to have begun in 1603 when Okuni, a female attendant of the Izumo Shrine, performed a ritual dance. Soon, all female Kabuki performances became very popular; however, female performances became outlawed for corrupting public morals. Subsequently, Kabuki performances, including any female roles, came to be enacted by males only, a tradition that still continues today in traditional Kabuki. Most Kabuki performances today are based on a core of popular plays from the 19th Century.

Noh was developed in the 14th Century and is a combination of dance and drama, performed in ancient Japanese using very formal, ritualized movements. Noh often has three or four musicians seated at the right of the stage, with a very small group of actors, rarely exceeding three. Noh plays are based on Buddhist themes, emphasizing that one should not become overly attached to the world, for what we know is often an illusion.

Kyogen is primarily dialogue-based drama or comedy, normally seen in intermissions between Noh plays. Kyogen uses exaggerated facial expressions and dialogue and is often performed by a single actor.

Bunraku, or Japanese puppet theater for adults, first started in the 16th century. Each puppet is one-half to real life-size, and is operated by three puppeteers. The head puppeteer's primary job is to manipulate the puppet's facial expressions and right arm. In a production, a chanter performs the puppets' voices, with a shamisen (stringed instrument) player adding background music. The puppeteers are dressed in black, and the performance is normally set against a black background, but the puppeteers are visible to the audience.

Culturally, Kabuki is considered to be the most popular of the four performing arts, but it is said to be more popu-



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lar in the eastern regions of Japan, while Noh and Bunraku are more popular in the west. Kabuki houses and performing troupes are family organizations, with a few of the more popular houses nearing 20 generations of family ownership.

There is no Kabuki theater in Okinawa. In 2004, for the first time in history, a formal Kabuki troupe visited Okinawa and held a series of performances. These were extremely well received and the shows were sold out. I anticipate we will see more visits and performance offerings as a result of the success of this first event.

Today

U.S. CITIZENSHIP CLASS: Receive applications and information on becoming a U.S. citizen or receiving a Visa from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Family Support Center. Get one-on-one help by the experts who review and assist the application project. Open to all ranks and services, military, dependants, and civilians. Call **634-3366** to register.

DEJA VU FRIDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Variety with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by variety theme formats until closing.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more information.

AFTER SCHOOL FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9 to 18 are invited to bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Emery Lanes. Children ages 10 and older must show an ID card to join and all 9-year-olds must be signed in by a parent. Pick up forms at the front desk to enroll, or call **634-2290** for more information.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNote from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by Mad House Virus and Comedy Jam III.

Saturday

CHESS CLUB: Play the game of strategy with other teens who share a love for chess at the Teen Center from 1 to 2 p.m.

MINIATURE WAR-GAMING: Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour sessions from 7 a.m. to noon at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call **634-1387** for more details.

PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: Learn the art of machine patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.

Sunday

PLANET VIBE SUNDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Planet Jazz with the Doctor from 5 to 8 p.m.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Top 40 Meltdown with DJ Baby Girl and R&B, Hip Hop and Reggae with Nate Love at 7 p.m.

Monday

ISHIMINE CHILDREN'S HOME: Be a volunteer and join the Teen Center Keystone Club Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and interact with Japanese youth. Activities include playing games, arts and crafts, singing songs and simple English lessons. Call **634-3866** for more information.

CAKE DECORATING: Learn the techniques for mastering the basics of cake decoration and have your next birthday cake go from boring to brilliant from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today..... *Man of the House, PG-13, 6 p.m.
The Passion of the Christ, R, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... Hide and Seek, R, noon
Alone in the Dark, R, 4 p.m.
*Man of the House, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Hide and Seek, R, noon
*Man of the House, PG-13, 4 p.m.
Alone in the Dark, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday..... *Robots, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... *Robots, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday... Alone in the Dark, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... *The Pacifier, PG, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today..... Assault on Precinct 13, R, 7 p.m.
Alone in the Dark, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday..... *The Pacifier, PG, 1 p.m.
*The Pacifier, PG, 4 p.m.
The Passion of the Christ, R, 7 p.m.
Assault on Precinct 13, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... *The Pacifier, PG, 1 p.m.
*The Pacifier, PG, 4 p.m.
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- ▲ Tuesday..... *The Pacifier, PG, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday... Alone in the Dark, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday..... *Robots, PG, 7 p.m.

* First Run shows are marked by a star

Single Parents Appreciation Celebration



Air Force/Senior Airman Anna Fitzhorn

(Right) Evon Taylor, a.k.a. "Starlina" the Clown, wife of Master Sgt. Timothy Taylor, 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron, shows off her sock puppet "Pet-Pet" during the Single Parents Appreciation Celebration at Marek Park March 18. More than 60 parents and children attended and enjoyed food, fun and games sponsored by the Kadena United Service Organizations.

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ROCKER NCO: Rock around the Clock with CNote from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Video Variety with DJ LT from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday

KARAOKE CONTEST: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a karaoke contest in the Lounge from 7 to 11 p.m. for all club members. Each week two winners will be selected to compete in the grand final April 30 for a grand prize of \$500. Weekly winners will receive \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place. Call **634-0740** for more information.

TAI CHI CHAUN: Learn the Chinese art of T'ai Chi Ch'uan which involves slow motion moves and routines with numerous benefits to your health in this adult class from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

DIGITAL ARTS: Join the Kadena Youth Center in the Master Minds Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to learn about web design, graphic design, photo illustration, music and movie making.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m.

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ROCKER NCO: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Krazy Karaoke with DJ QTU and LT from 7 to 11 p.m.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Rock It! With DJ Zacko from 7 to 10 p.m.

RIB EYE TUESDAYS: Join the Banyan Tree Club for charbroiled 8 oz. rib eye steak, baked potato bar, corn-on-the-cob, homemade rolls and butter

and ice tea or coffee for just \$7.95 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday

TORCH CLUB: Join the Kadena Youth Center for this leadership-based club designed for Youth Center members ages 9 to 12 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Members will learn to work together to plan and implement activities in service to club and community, education, health and fitness, and social recreation areas.

JAPANESE CONVERSATION: Make friends with your Okinawan neighbors by learning their customs, culture and practical conversation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more details.

KUMON MATH: Children ages 5 to 18 can learn to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more information.

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DEEP GROOVE WEDNESDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Old School with the Doctor until closing.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Request Night from 7 to 11 p.m.

Thursday

HEALTH ROCKS: Join the Kadena Youth Center in the Master Minds Room from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to learn life skills that prepare youth to make healthy lifestyle choices. The club is designed to engage youth and adults as partners in developing and implementing strategies to reduce tobacco, alcohol and illegal drug usage among teens.

RUB-A-DUB THURSDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club with DJ Nate Love from 5 to 8 p.m. followed by Ladies Night with DJ Rob Ski until closing.

POWER HOUR: The Teen Center will host the Power Hour Program where students can do homework, read, or do other educational activities starting at 2:30 p.m. A tutor will be available for math, Algebra 1 and 2, English, geometry, biology and U.S. History.

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BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Fired Up Country with DJ TNT from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

FREE SALSA DANCE: Learn the basics of salsa dance at the Officers Club from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Weekender Lounge. Complimentary light snacks will be provided. Open to club members 20 years of age and older only.

April 1

MAY ARTS & CRAFTS SIGN-UPS: Stop by or sign-up at the Arts and Crafts front counter and pick up a schedule of youth and adult May classes or call **634-1666** for more details.

KUMON MATH: Youth ages 5 to 18 can learn how to excel in math and develop superior study habits from 3 to 5:40 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Call **634-1387** for more information.

THUNDER BOWL: Join Emery Lanes for loud music and flashing lights while bowling from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

APRIL FOOLS DAY R&B PARTY: Enjoy the smooth sounds from today's and yesterday's R&B hits from 9 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

DEJA VU FRIDAYS: Join the Rocker NCO Club for a variety mix with the Doctor from 5 to 9 p.m. followed by variety themes until closing.

VIRUS FRIDAZE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Flashback Friday with CNote from 5 to 10 p.m. followed by the Partae Virus and Super Ladies Night.

April 2

ROCKER MEMBERSHIP NIGHT: Adult club members can enjoy a free buffet from 5 to 7 p.m. and great games and prizes until 9 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club followed by Coyote Ugly Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the ballroom.

YOUTH/ADULT BOWLING TOURNEY: Emery Lanes will hold a youth and adult bowling tournament at 1 p.m. Register at 12:30 p.m.

DIGITAL ARTS CLUB: Prepare for digital arts festivals, where members will be able to enter their original works in national competitions from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Teen Center. Call **634-3866** for more information.

OKUMA AND HLI FALLS TOUR:

Call ITT at **634-4322** for more information.

SAX, FLUTE, CLARINET LESSONS: One hour sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center for ages 5 and up. Call **634-1387** for more details.

MINIATURE WAR-GAMING: Join the fun as miniature war-gamers gather to compete in an assortment of tabletop battles from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

OKINAWAN CRAFT EXPLO- RATION: Call ITT at **634-4322** for more information.

MACHINE PATCHWORK QUILTING CLASS: Learn the art of patchwork quilting and discover how to make useful household items out of old clothing and fabric scraps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call **634-1387** for more details.

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER: Join the Rocker NCO Club for Country and Western and Southern Rock Night from 9 p.m. until closing in the lounge.

BANYAN TREE: Join the Banyan Tree Club for Kickin' it Country and R&B Dance Hits from 8 p.m. to close.

April 3

BLUE INDIGO PROJECT AND BASHOFU WEAVING STUDIO: Call ITT at **634-4322** for more information.

CASTLE RUIN EXPLORATION: Call ITT at **634-4322** for more information.

EASTER CHAPEL HOURS

CATHOLIC

- ▲ Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Today, Chapel 2, 6 p.m.
- ▲ Holy Saturday -- The Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Easter Sunday -- Resurrection of the Lord: Sunday, Chapel 3, 8:30 a.m.
Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

PROTESTANT

- ▲ Good Friday Worship Service: Today, Chapel 3, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Easter Cantata: Saturday, Chapel 3, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Chapel 1, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Easter Sunday: -- Sunrise Worship Service
Sunday, Courtney's Tengan Castle, 6 a.m. (Buses leave the Schilling Community Center at 5 a.m.)
-- Protestant Worship Service
Inspiration service, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgical service, Chapel 3 Annex, 8:45 a.m.
Evangelical service, Chapel 1, 9 and 10:45 a.m.
General Protestant service, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
Gospel service, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Chapel at 634-1288.

SVS edges MOS 68-60 in championship

REBOUND: Quentin Chandler grabs a rebound during the intramural basketball championship game between the 18th Maintenance Operations Squadron and 18th Services Squadron Monday night.

SLAM DUNK: Rob Kindell Jr., 18th SVS, drives in for a slam dunk to bring 18th SVS ahead with a score of 53-48. Despite a late-game comeback, the 18th MOS was unable to close the narrow lead held by 18th SVS throughout the game. The 18th SVS team was favored to win going into the game with a 10-1 regular season record versus 18th MOS's 9-2 regular season record.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister



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Members of the 18th SVS basketball team pose for a photo after winning the intramural basketball championship trophy Monday night. (From front row left) Ross Roley, Terrell Parker, Rob Kindell Jr., Troy Dueling, (second row) Chris Jackson, Rob Kindell Sr., Ernest Mauristhene, Dan Funchess, Paul Bailey, Chico Jones, Chris Gunn and Ryan Smith. Not pictured are Firello White and Julian Simentar.

18th EMS, 18th DS/AMDS teams win Commander's Cup



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Lt. Col. Peter Markle, 18th Equipment Maintenance Squadron commander, receives the Large Unit Commander's Cup trophy from Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, during Monday's Kadena Team Staff Meeting. The 18th EMS participated in all five sports offered throughout the past year and won first place in the division one intramural basketball league and a tournament in 2004.



Air Force/Senior Airman Mercedes McAlister

Cols. Walter Cayce, 18th Aerospace Medicine Squadron commander, and Thomas Marshall, 18th Dental Squadron commander, receive the Small Unit Commander's Cup trophy from General Jouas Monday. The joint team collected 370 points by participating in three out of five sports offered and won first place in the division two basketball league last year. The Commander's Cup trophies are award to the two units (large and small) that contribute most to the sports programs offered by the 18th Services Squadron.